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Miami Beach Lights Up Blue to Support Law Enforcement -- Swearing in of New Deputy Chief of Police at 5 p.m. Today--

Miami Beach, **FL** –Miami Beach City Hall will be doused in blue in honor of the fallen police officers and in support of all first responders nationwide starting this evening.

"I ask everyone in the entire Miami Beach community to remember that this is not just about one city, but our entire nation," said City Manager Jimmy L. Morales.

In addition, at the City Commission meeting this evening Deputy Chief of Police Lauretta Hill will be honored for her two-year tenure with the Miami Beach Police Department (MBPD). She will be returning to her home state as Police Commissioner for Dallas County Community College District. Major Richard Clements, a 25-year veteran of MBPD, will be sworn in as the new Deputy Chief at 5 p.m.

Last week, the City Commission adopted a resolution urging the Florida Legislature to amend section 775.085 of the Florida Statutes to include enhanced penalties for felonies and misdemeanors committed against law enforcement officers, firefighters, emergency service personnel and code enforcement officers due to their employment status.

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